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17. [REDACTED] Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to say that he had seen an unpublished Paul Scott column indicating that many Communist youths were escaping to Hong Kong from Mainland China, some with arms. He said that if there was any substance to this story the Subcommittee might want to conduct hearings on dissident youth movement in Mainland China or other Communist countries and that perhaps the Agency might be able to suggest potential witnesses in this regard. Per Sourwine, the unpublished Scott column mentioned 6,000 escapees, of whom 4,500 were under age 25 and 3,000 under age 18. [REDACTED] FE, advised that we should refer Sourwine to State which controls the statistics on this and that according to our information there has been only a slight increase of immigrants from China to Hong Kong and that we have no information that the immigrants are bearing arms.

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